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TITLE: RETARDATION LAYER AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract with the attached amended abstract

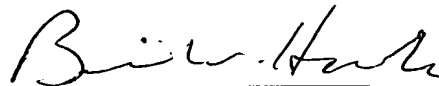
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language and multiple dependencies. The abstract has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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